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The Prydonian Renegade

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Ork! Ork!

Yes, folks, our new official Prydonians of Prynceton T-shirts are finally available. As you can see in the accompanying photo, they're elegant and stylish, perfect for you or for the Time Lord in your life. Made of 100% cotton, they are bright red with white decoration, featuring our neon logo on the front and Ork, our Seal, on the back. Only $8.00 ($10.00 by mail), they come in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large (the XLs are currently still on order). Order yours today!

The shirts were designed by Prydonian Jim Gunsenhouser, to whom we'd like to give a large round of thanks.

When the music stops...

We've had another minor reshuffling on the High Council. Lady President Flo Freeman and CIA Director Tom Freeman, two of the club's three co-founders, have recently been unable to take a very active role in the club's affairs. They've offered to step down from their positions, whilst retaining seats on the High Council in an advisory capacity.

Our new Lady President is **Kim Elaine Neighbor**, currently our indefatigible Chancellor (and the beaming model of our new T-shirt above!) Taking her place as Chancellor and Chief Truth Adjuster is our ferocious High Cardinal, **Dorothy McLaughlin**, whose chief claim to fame so far has been naming the Seal. Finally, the new High Cardinal and Chapter Leader is **John Brew**, whose willingness to put up with the rest of the High Council and do all the unpleasant tasks fobbed off on him has been nothing short of amazing and more than deserving of recognition. Also, his willingness to make a fool of himself in public (the main qualification for being a High Councillor) is at least equal to that of the other members of the High Council, Welcome aboard, John!

Tom Beck, the Castellan, Greg Neighbor, Low Cardinal, and Martin Gerster, Archivist, continue in their positions.

We'd like to thank Tom and Flo here for all their contributions to the club and hope they continue to support and help the club as much as their schedules will permit. Everyone should be aware that they volunteered to step down without any pressure from anyone else, and that there was nothing underhanded about any ot this. Everyone concerned simply agreed that thems as does the work should get the recognition.

Prydonian News

Our 22nd Anniversary Party was held Saturday, November 23, at Maureen Mulholland's in Lawrenceville, NJ, was a great success. Videos were vidded, comestibles consumed, and the Not Ready for Prime Time-and-Space Players presented a triumphant farewell performance of "It's Not Nice to Fool Rassilon." Also, we sang many of the prize-winning filk-songs of Prydonian Jeanette Murawski, one of which is printed inside. All in all, a great way to celebrate 22 wonderful seasons.

We will be having a **Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 28, at Gallifrey East, 359 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ (609-921-8148), from 7 pm to midnight.** Refreshments would be greatly appreciated. To find out what you can bring, call Kim Elaine Neighbor at 609-443-8725. To get to Gallifrey East from Route 1, exit onto Washington Road, continue to the third traffic light, turn right onto Nassau Street, drive past the first traffic right, and Gallifrey East is the fourth house on the right. From Route 206, get onto Nassau Street where 206 North turns into 206 South (it's called Bayard Lane in Princeton), that is, from 206 heading south, make a left onto Nassau Street, and from 206 heading north, make a right onto Nassau Street, and go along Nassau Street past four traffic lights. Gallifrey East is the fourth house on the right. From 95 heading south, get off at exit 9 in New Brunswick and take Route 1. From Route 27, Gallifrey East is located just after the Riverside Drive traffic light just north of Princeton and just before the Harrison Street traffic light.

With the Christmas Party falling so late in the month, we've decided not to have a January meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, February 1, at Jennifer Ervin's home in Trenton. Map and directions nextish.

Tucked inside your *Renegade* you should find your new membership card, also designed by Jim Gunsenhouser. Carry it with pride. Flash it at our table at the next convention, buy one of our silly badges, and get a second one free!

December and January will see the expirations of a lot of members' dues, which means it's renewal time, folks! You can tell if your time is up by looking at the mailing label on your envelope: if your expiration date is circled in red, then it's time to regenerate! Also, the box just above the publication information at the bottom of the back page should be checked in red. Please renew as soon as you can, folks. We can't afford to give extensions or to carry anyone who's dues are in arrears. If you want to be kept informed about all that's going on in local, national, and international *Doctor Who* fandom, don't let your dues expire!

New Jersey Network and Channel 12 in Philly were very pleased by the results of our participation in their recent round of fundraisers. We had fun, and they made out pretty well, which will induce them to keep promoting *Doctor Who* . The next set of begathons will likely be in February and/or March. There'll be plenty of notice, so keep reading!

We contributed $100 to NJN, and Eric Luskin drew the name of Steve Cluck, of Elkins Park, PA, as the lucky winner of our Membership Raffle. Steve also won the special premium gift, two tickets to the March 23, 1986 DWFCA Festival starring Patrick Troughton.

There's no further news on that glorious event, but **rumor has it that Spirit of Light will be back in the area next Memorial Day weekend, with a *Doctor Who* show in New Brunswick!** Stay tuned for news as we get it.

Prydonians On-Line!

You asked for it, you got it! In our members' survey this summer, a lot of you expressed interest in having a club computer bulletin board (BBS). Well, thanks to the generosity of Mike Volk, charter Prydonian and sysop of The TARDIS BBS, one of the largest in the state, we are soon going to have our own Prydonians-only message system on his board. To get access, you must first log-on to The TARDIS, which you do by dialing 609-448-1361. The TARDIS runs twenty-four hours a day, at 300, 1200, and 2400 baud. Then, once you've received an account number and established a handle, apply to the Castellan, who will be sub-sysop of the new Prydonians section, by leaving him an E-Mail message, addressed to him at his handle, which is, oddly enough, "Castellan."

very latest merchandise, a video room which ran almost 24 hours a day, and throughout the weekend, autograph sessions with all the stars.

Time and space being limited (at least in *my* Universe), here are the hightlights of my time in the TARDIS:

Friday:

Opening Ceremonies: Guest introductions. JNT announced that the show is definitely coming back in the fall of 1986 and that there are no plans to end it after the 23rd Season. (Yay!)

Doctor Who Femmes Panel: All seven guests left when no one took the microphone to ask a question. They all return soon with Colin Baker as a captive. Someone askd Janet Fielding to do her "Mara laugh," and she beaned him with her "Mara stick!"

Celebrity Luncheon: Sarah Sutton and John Levene sat at our table. A water-gun fight (of course) broke out between Patrick Troughton and Jon Pertwee. Pat was the winner, and Paul Darrow was soaked in the process. After dinner, the stars changed tables for dessert and we were joined by Lalla Ward.

Pat and Jon Panel: Eric Hoffman, the moderator, found himself in the middle of another water-gun fight. He had been given an umbrella at the start of the panel, but it proved to be an ineffective shield against the deadly weapons of the two superpowers (oops, superstars!), as he was attacked by both sides. Later, Pat was persuaded to play his recorder, much to Jon's distress.

Celebrity Cabaret: 14 of the stars performed, along with Eric Hoffman. John Levene was the M.C. Also appearing are Anthony Ainley, Sarah Sutton, Richard Franklin (who performed, among other things, the infamous "Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow" with Tea Bag (a stuffed cat), and then an encore called "Tea Bag's Revenge). Colin did a monologue about the Devil greeting new arrivals in Hell, and another one in which he read actual claims submitted to real insurance companies (it was a lot funnier than it sounds). Janet Fielding sang, as usual, and even JNT did a song about various parts of the human body. He and Janet performed together in a skit and a song, in which they traded barbs while they sang. Pat Troughton made his first appearance in a cabaret and received a standing ovation for his song, about Anne Boleyn. Louise Jameson sang, as did Nicola Bryant, who performed her own composition, called "Peri's Song." Terry Walsh did a monologue and played the guitar. Jacqueline Pearce read a poem, Mark Strickson pulled a switch and played a Beethoven piece on the French Horn. The evening closed with Jon Pertwee, who abandoned most of his usual cabaret act and went straight to the filk-songs. We all joined in and had a great time.

Saturday:

The Doctors' Panel: JNT entered first, followed by Jon Pertwee and Colin Baker carrying Pat Troughton, whom they simply dropped into his chair. JNT revealed that his "room" had turned out to be a broom closet. At first, he thought that Spirit of Light was playing a joke on him, but it turned out he was genuinely supposed to stay in a broom closet. Pat and Colin promised a special surprise for next year's cabaret, but no one could get a hint out of them as to what it would be, not even Jon Pertwee. All four guests were given special proclamations by the Governor of Wisconsin and Mayor of Milwaukee naming November 23 Doctor Who Day.

Celebrity Luncheon: Jon Pertwee was at our table. He talked about Worzel Gummidge and told us the stories of the rings he wars. Jacqueline Pearce joined us for dessert, and told me she hopes to return as Chessene in the future.

The Pertwee Years Panel: Lis Sladen told about her audition for *Doctor Who* , and we learned that someone else had already been hired for the part of Sarah Jane when she tried out, but after they interviewed her, they let the other actress go and hired Lis instead!

JNT Talk Session: In a round-about way, we learned that the upcoming season would be about half the length of the most recent series. An announcement about the show is to be made early in December. No new scripts have been chosen, but Sil (from "Vengeance on Varos") will be the only returning villain. Colin is trying to convince JNT not to leave as producer after next season. "Shada," the famous incomplete story of Tom Baker's, will definitely be released on video-tape, and may feature Colin and Nicola.

Celebrity Cabaret: Virtually the same as Friday's, but still great.

Sunday:

A day to visit individual panels. In the morning, I bounced between three of them (Terry Walsh's, Paul Darrow's, and Richard Franklin and John Levene's). Richard was convinced the show would be returning only because of the outcry of the fans.

Celebrity Luncheon: Colin sat with us. He was great fun, proceeding to test us all on each other's names. I asked him about the status of "Nighmare Fair," Graham Williams' script for next season (unfortunately postponed) featuring the return of the Celestial Toymaker. He said it's one of the best scripts he'd ever read, and

he hoped to do it in the 24th Season. For dessert we had Lalla Ward (yum yum!), and very quickly after that it was time for autographs and photos.

After lunch, I again bounced among three individual panels (Mark Strickson's, Louise Jameson and Sarah Sutton's, and Pat Troughton's). Pat gave up a half hour of his free time to sign autographs and meet the fans.

Closing Ceremonies: A last few words from each of the stars, and then a request for all to join hands and sing "Auld Lang Syne" (a tradition at these things). It was sad to see it end, and people immediately began talking about next year!

Celebrity Cabaret: Due to the departure of Colin, Louise, and Mark, some new bits were added, including a skit with John Levene as a slick used-car salesman (which is what Benton was supposed to have become after leaving UNIT!) and Eric Hoffman "interpreting" what John was really saying.

No one there wanted it to end, so many of us stayed up all night long talking. At one point we were joined by someone from Spirit of Light, who told us of tentative plans for a show in the New Brunswick, NJ, area sometime around Memorial Day next year. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

I guess you've gathered by now that I considered TARDIS 22 a rousing success. So, to close, I'll just say: Thanks to the stars, to old friends and new. We look forward to next year and smile at thoughts of you know WHO!

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The Archivist's Annals

by Cardinal Martin Gerster

I'd just like to say that I feel it is my duty to protest against the great amount of criticism that has recently been thrown against the Doctor Who Fan Club of America (DWFCA). Most of this is due to the fact that the current issue of the *Whovian Times* came so late. This issue was two or three times larger than any they've previously published, and so, for this reason, I think that much of the criticism is unjustified.

Now, on to my column, which this month concerns **Alien**, better known as "the Whomobile."

This is (was) the flying-saucer-shaped "car" that first appeared in "Invasion of the Dinosaurs." It was made especially for Jon Pertwee by Peter Farries of Nottingham, a custom-car specialist. Jon had officiated at the opening of a Ford dealership, where he met Farries. He took one look at Peter's own green-and-black custom "Black Widow" and immediately commissioned Peter to make him his own "special."

The result was Alien, a fifteen foot, three-wheeled, fibreglass-hulled vehicle on an anchor-shaped chassis. The wheels were hidden under a rubber skirt to make it appear to be a hovercraft. Alien has a Chrysler Imperial 975 cc engine capable of a top speed of over 100 mph; 44 flashing lights, a mock-up TV, stereo, computer, and telephone. It last appeared in "Planet of the Spiders," Jon Pertwee's final regular episode as the Third Doctor. Unlike Bessie, the Doctor's Edwardian roadster, Alien is Jon Pertwee's personal property, so it left the series when he departed. It is still seen with Jon at various outdoor fetes and such. Alien has always been much better known as "the Whomobile," but interestingly enough, when it was actually being used in the programme, it was referred to simply as "the Doctor's car."

Trivia Time! There were no entries in the last Trivia Contest, so there is once again no winner. The question was: "How long is a Pandatorean Conger?" The correct answer is: "Longer than a Terran railway train." The question comes from "The Two Doctors," one of the highlights of the 22nd Season, starring Colin Baker and Patrick Troughton. In light of the lack of response, we'll hold off on Sixth Doctor trivia until more of you have a chance to see the new stories. This month's Colin Baker episode on New Jersey Network will be "Vengeance on Varos," perhaps the best story of the season. "The Two Doctors" will be aired at the end of February.

This month, the Trivia Question is: "How is it that the Doctor's companions (and the audience, too) are able to understand and speak the language(s) of any planet they visit?" Send your answers to Cardinal Martin Gerster, 183 Hopewell-Pennington Road, Hopewell, NJ, 08525, or phone me at 609-466-1361. If you have any questions of your own relating to *Doctor Who* or its stars, send them to me. If you want a personal response, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). The most interesting questions will be answered in my column.

Until the next time, remember me to Gallifrey!

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